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DARING JAIL-BREAK FRUSTRATED BY GUARDS

2 CONVICTED BURGLARS CAUGHT DIGGING TUNNEL

**Prisoners Wrench
Hammock Hook
Loose and Work
at Night while
Howling Wind
Covers Noise**

Digging their way toward freedom through the weak wooden floors of the cell in the territorial prison, two desperate criminals last night almost effected a jail-break. The vigilance of guards in the prison resulted in the discovery of the plan and its quick frustration, and instead of coming up from a burrow into the free air of the front yard, the two men landed in close confinement on a diet of bread and water.

According to what High Sheriff Henry has learned of the attempted jail-break, it was the climax of a carefully-concocted plot. The two principals in the case are Howard C. Duke and John F. Bates. Both of them are types of "bad men." Both are serving sentences for burglary in the first degree. They were convicted on August 15 of this year, and Duke was sentenced to serve not less than one year and six months nor more than twenty years. Bates was sentenced to not less than two years and six months nor more than twenty years, Judge Whitney delivering the sentences.

The plot began to work out when a number of the white prisoners in the jail complained bitterly and persistently of their food. They declared it was poorly cooked, and the prison officials were asked to make a change in the menu that preside over the prison kitchen. One of the convicted burglars, Duke, was said to be a good cook, and the little group of trouble-making white men wanted Duke put to work in the kitchen.

It was suspected even then that the object of the plan was to get the man in a place where he could get hold of knives and other iron and steel utensils that could be used in a jail-break. The old prison is none too safe, anyway, and in a number of places a little digging will free the prisoners. High Sheriff Henry refused to allow Duke to go to the kitchen. The two men determined to make their escape at all hazards and last night appeared to be an excellent time to carry out their plan. This was howling about the jail and under cover of its noise the two evidently hoped to conceal their efforts to cut through the floor and dig out.

About three o'clock this morning a vigilant guard heard a suspicious noise in the cell on the lower corridor which the men shared. Quick investigation showed that the prisoners were fast cutting their way through the wooden floor, which is made of one-inch planking laid across timbers and offers little opposition to any kind of a sharp-edged tool. The men had ingeniously fashioned an instrument out of a screw which they had obtained from the wall, unscrewing a hammock to get the implement.

The men were surprised at their work and after that it was nothing but the bread-and-water diet for them. Plans have been completed for the new prison, and High Sheriff Henry is anxious to get into it, as the present structure is anything but delivery-proof. The contract for the administration building of the new jail will be let early next month, and the rest of the work will be done by prison labor. The structure when completed will be a model of its kind.

COMPANY 1 MEN PROVE GOOD SWIMMERS

Splash Through Tank at Shafter in Full Field Equipment and Win Quarterly Field Day

Twenty-four dripping but delighted soldiers pulled themselves out of the big tank at Fort Shafter this morning, and by so doing pulled Company, Second Infantry, out a winner of the quarterly post field meet. The swimming contest clinched the meet for the outfit, for even if the baseball game scheduled for this afternoon goes against them, the 1 men have enough of a lead to still remain at the head of the point list.

The swimming stunt was the big thing of the meeting, for three full squads from each company were required to swim across the big tank in full field equipment, and there was considerable speculation as to which organization could accomplish this feat in the fastest time. The test was made by companies, the men taking the water in two rows, and splashing across as fast as clothes, canteens and haversacks would let them. Originally it was intended that the men

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KIHEI WHARF COST AMAZES HARBOR BOARD

"If \$1100 has already been spent on that project the money has been simply squandered," declared Harbor Commissioner James Wakefield this afternoon, at the meeting of the commission, when the proposed new Kihai wharf project was under discussion. Wakefield and McCarthy both expressed profound astonishment when informed by Miss Carter, the stenographer, that of the appropriation for the Kihai wharf only about 7850 remains, the sum of more than \$1100 having been paid Hugh Howell, during the administration of Former Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell. It developed today that bids for the construction of the wharf had been called for, and it was learned that Hugh Howell, the only bidder, has submitted a tender of \$8,840 for the job. This is more than the commission has to spend for the job, if the \$1100 has already been paid over to Hugh Howell for the survey work previously performed.

"But we turned down that bill of Howell's," protested Col. McCarthy. "He made a survey, I remember, a long time ago, shortly after the H. K. Baldwin estate offered to give us the wharf site; but his survey, while very elaborate and ornate, was made on a site a mile away from the site of our

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Jarrett Investigates Assault In Wahiawa

Sheriff Jarrett is now at Wahiawa investigating charges of rape brought by a Russian woman against a man claiming to have been a member of the local police force, whom it is alleged, attacked her at Wahiawa last Christmas evening shortly after eight o'clock. The woman, it is said, was badly beaten up by the brute, before he managed to overcome her resistance and force her to his purpose.

She came to Honolulu yesterday, although still suffering from the effects

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of her awful experience the night before and appealed to the Sheriff, but was unable to find Jarrett, although she is said to have waited for several hours to see him.

In some manner, say the friends of the woman, the report which she claims to have made to other members of the department failed to reach the Sheriff, until this morning, when the investigation was at once begun.

All knowledge of the alleged affair was denied at police headquarters this morning, in spite of the fact that the Sheriff was even then on his way to Wahiawa. At the high Sheriff's office it was denied that a report of the matter had reached the jail, and none of the details was known, it was said. Efforts to obtain further information from Wahiawa proved unavailing.

PLAZA WHERE THEY TRIED TO KILL TAFT



In this plaza, in the center of the city of Panama, at the Pacific end of the great canal, a bomb was exploded in a cigar stand yesterday, shortly after the President passed on his way to a ball, to be given in his honor within the building shown in the background. President Taft, from one of his latest pictures, is in the lower left hand corner of the picture.

NEW PLUMBING ORDINANCE DOOMED BY MAYOR IN-COMING SUPERVISORS ALSO OPPOSED TO IT

SMITH, ALLEGED SMUGGLER, WILL PLEAD GUILTY

Entering a plea of guilty to the charge of opium smuggling and throwing himself on the mercy of the court, Norman B. Smith probably will be sentenced January 2 to pay the penalty for his crime. The case will undoubtedly be one of the first called upon when the U. S. district court convenes next Thursday. The second charge, that of violating the Edmunds Act, may be dropped, and Smith, after serving the time or paying the fine imposed, will again be a free man. Meantime he will repose in jail, making no effort to obtain further bail. The law provides a penalty of

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His Honor to Send in His Veto of the Measure Soon—Message to Be a Stinger—City Fathers—elect Caucus Will Tonight Decide Definitely Upon the Bill, Should It Pass Over Fern's Disapproval

Alas for the dreams of the plumbers and those who drew up and are interested in the new plumbing ordinance. Mayor Fern plans to hit it a solar plexus blow, to the huge disgust of Supervisor Murray and the rest of the board of supervisors, which with the exception of Supervisor Low, has been back of the measure ever since its introduction.

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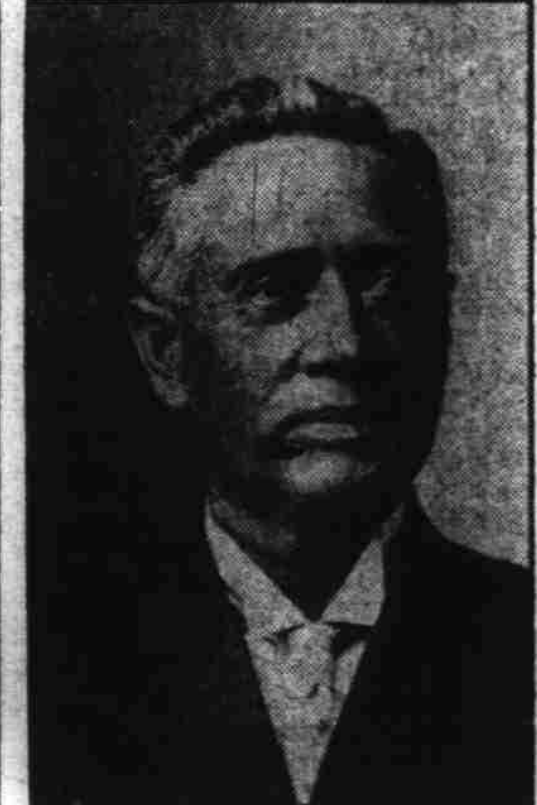
NEWS OF FREAR SURPRISES HIS FRIENDS IN CITY

Though the expected cable from Governor Frear and Attorney General Lindsay came yesterday afternoon, it brought unexpected information, and now local friends of the party are wondering why the officials are hastening homeward.

The dispatch stated they expected setting sail at noon yesterday from Midway Island, homeward bound, stopping at Laysan Island. According to the cable of the day before from the operator at Midway, the party could not have landed there until yesterday morning. Thus their stay at the place

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MAKE-UP OF THE NEW ROAD COMMITTEE



L. PETRIE, JOHN MARKHAM and SAM HAREESTY have been selected by Mayor Fern as the probable members of the road committee of the incoming board of supervisors. They have already done not a little preliminary work with the city engineer and the road supervisor, and are mapping out a plan of campaign for better roads, the details of which they are keeping very closely to themselves at present. It is understood, however, that the first big work the new board will undertake is the laying of a permanent pavement on King street, and improvement work on Queen street.

TURKS FLEE FROM THEIR OWN HOMES

**More than Hundred Thousand of them
Leave Turkey in Europe to take up
Farms Offered them by their Govern-
ment in Asia—Plenipotentiary in Lon-
don, while Declining to Discuss Terms
Suggested by the Sublime Porte Calls
those put Forward by the Allies
"Simply Preposterous"**

[Associated Press Cable]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Dispatches to the headquarters of the American Red Cross Society received here yesterday announce that more than one hundred thousand Turks have left their homes in European Turkey and have fled to farms offered them by their government in Asia Minor.

This plan of the Sublime Porte to thin out the population of European Turkey is working great hardship to many, who are compelled by the officials to move their belongings in the depth of the Balkan winter, and it is reported that hundreds of the women and children are suffering severely from the hardships imposed upon them.

PRINCE INVADERS ALBANIA

PARIS, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Paris Temps, the leading daily here, announced this morning that the Prince Ahmed Fuad, nephew of the Khedive of Egypt, has invaded Albania at the head of a force of more than 20,000 troops. The prince, it is said, has proclaimed himself sovereign of the country, and is marching upon the capital.

REJECTS PROPOSALS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Reached Pasha, chief of the peace plenipotentiaries representing the sultan of Turkey here, gave out an interview this morning in the course of which he called the terms proposed by the allies as "simply preposterous." He declined to discuss the terms, it is reported, were called him by his master Tuesday, and declined to make any forecast regarding the answer which Turkey will make to the allies' demands.

Wilson At His Birth-place

[Associated Press Cable]

STAUNTON, Va., Dec. 27.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson will spend tonight in the house where he was born. The occasion is to be made quite a ceremony.

On his way to this city, the president-elect held an important conference with W. F. McCombs, his campaign manager and now chairman of the Democratic national committee. It is understood that cabinet positions were among the matters discussed.

Staunton is in gala attire to receive her distinguished son. There will be a parade of school children in his honor.

Santa Claus Senator Burned

[Associated Press Cable]

GARDEN CITY, Kansas, Dec. 27.—William H. Thompson, Democratic senator-elect and one of the most prominent men in Kansas public life, was dangerously burned last night while playing Santa Claus at a neighborhood Christmas tree. In some manner the long white cotton whiskers used in his "make-up" caught fire from the candles on the tree and before he could dash off his false face, the flames had enveloped him. The doctors will not prophesy his safety.

Indian Brave Shoots Dynamite

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 27.—John Williams, chief of Tuscarora tribe of Indians living on the government reservation for them near here, today went insane after a long bout of drinking, and taking a shotgun from a friend, fired into a large box of dynamite that was standing near, waiting for use in a local quarry. The shot exploded the box, blowing Williams in to fragments and seriously injuring two of his companions who stood close by to see the fun.

Dynamite Jury Takes Case

[Associated Press Cable]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Court adjourned today until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, at which time the jury is expected to bring in a verdict in the union dynamiting cases. The jury is expected to take many hours in its deliberations because of the number of allied cases that have been presented to it. Attorneys both for the prosecution and the defense express confidence in the result.

Transpacific Service Announced

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Formal announcement of the plans of the Hamburg-American line to install a trans-Pacific steamer service in the near future was made by representatives of the company here today. The ports of call to be made by the new service will be Hongkong, Manila, Yokohama and the Puget Sound ports.

VESSELS COLLIDE IN HARBOR YESTERDAY; MUCH DAMAGE

The ship Falls of Clyde, now stationed at the port of Honolulu and used by the Associated Oil Company to supply visiting liners with fuel oil, lies at a berth at the railway wharf, damaged through collision to the extent of at least a thousand dollars, between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

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